

**FOX VALLEY SPORT AVIATION ASSOCIATION  
EAA CHAPTER 579  
Aurora, IL**



***The Propwash***

December, 2014

**Next Chapter Meeting**

Thursday, December 18  
Sugar Grove Firehouse  
[Click here for Map](#)

Program Meeting: 7:30 pm

Note: there will be no Director's Meeting

**2015 Meeting Schedule**

All meetings at the Sugar Grove Firehouse unless otherwise notified  
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January 22  
February 26  
March 26  
April 23  
May 28  
June 25  
July 16\*\*  
August 27  
September 24  
October 15\*\*  
November 19\*\*  
December 17\*\*

\*\*Meetings the Third Thursday in July (AirVenture), October (Conflict at Firehouse), November (Thanksgiving) and December (Christmas).

**2014 Young Eagles® Schedule**

Flights will takeoff from and return to the Aurora Municipal Airport. Pilot briefing will be at about 8:30 am. Begin flying at 9:00 am. Last registration at or before 2:00 pm.

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~~May 18~~  
~~June 22 (16K Celebration)~~  
~~August 24~~  
~~September 28~~  
~~October 26~~

**Note:** 2015 dates will be posted in the January Newsletter



Young Eagles® 5 Step Plan

**2015 Chapter Leadership**

Don Horacek, President – [donhoracek@att.net](mailto:donhoracek@att.net)  
Mike Baer, Vice President – [mikebaer150@gmail.com](mailto:mikebaer150@gmail.com)  
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Frank Cosentino, Director – [frankcos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:frankcos@sbcglobal.net)  
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Dave Smith, Director and Past President – [flypa12@comcast.net](mailto:flypa12@comcast.net)  
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Chapter Website: <http://www.eaa579.org>

If you have anything of interest to the chapter, please email me at [joeemcbride@gmail.com](mailto:joeemcbride@gmail.com): fun places you have flown to, progress on your special project, an interesting plane you have flown, your favorite flight, good places for the ~~\$100~~ \$200 hamburger. Let us all know about it. Pictures are always welcome. You don't have to have a completed article. If you send me the details, I'll write the article.

## Dave's Dialogue...



Greetings EAA Chapter 579 family and friends:

The December chapter meeting will be held on Thursday December 18 at the SGFD. This month will be a catch up of the EAA Chapter videos from November and December. Hope to see you there.

Well, another year is just about to wrap up, and your EAA Chapter certainly had much to celebrate this year. We received recognition from EAA HQ at AirVenture for achieving a milestone of 16,000 Young Eagles flown at Aurora Airport. What a tribute to the many volunteers who give of their time and aircraft to share the joy of flight.

Another successful chapter holiday pizza party was celebrated last week. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Your chapter will kick off January 2015, as we begin our 12 week Private Pilot Ground School, starting Thursday January 8th, at 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM. The program course is only \$150.

The course is for glider student pilots, student private pilot, non-active pilots looking to get recurrent once again, spouses of pilots, and anyone wanting to learn more about what it takes to become a pilot.

We may need mentors for the class, so if you are interested on being a mentor, send me a email directly at:

[Flypa12@comcast.net](mailto:Flypa12@comcast.net)

Please help us get the word out about the ground school. Attached is a flyer for Ground School as well as a registration form that can be filled in and mailed directly to Larry Shaw along with a check for \$150.

With the New Year we also welcome our new leadership team, taking office on January 1st.

- President - Don Horacek
- Vice President - Mike Baer
- Secretary - Joe McBride
- Treasurer - Larry Shaw

Thank you for all you do for EAA Chapter 579

Dave

## Minutes of November 20 Meeting

- Meeting called to order at 7:35 by President Dave Smith
- Election of Officers. Nominees are:
  - President: Don Horacek
  - Vice President: Mike Baer
  - Treasurer: Larry Shaw
  - Secretary: Joe McBride
- The slate was accepted unanimously by voice vote
- A Motion was made to allow 6 additional Directors. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Ratification of Director. Nominees are:
  - Mike Bowers
  - Bill Cameron
  - Frank Cosentino
  - Tim Green
  - Mark Hislop
  - Dave Smith, Past President
  - Kathy Spano
- The slate was ratified unanimously by voice vote.
- We have flown a total of 16,629 Young Eagles.
- A discussion took place on suggestions for improvements to our Young Eagles procedures. Suggestions were as follows:
  - Get a headcount/seat count early in the day to determine how many kids we can take and then cut off registration so that they can all be flown
  - Note time on registration paper to see how long folks are waiting. This was done at the last rally and proved useful.
  - It was noted that we are now getting a lot of kids coming from Chicago.
  - There is a sense of entitlement from some folks. A few cause problems for all.
  - Should we have folks preregister for a rally? The consensus was that we don't want to do that.
  - Put a sign on the trailer indicating that we are all volunteers and we pay for the planes and fuel.
  - Provide a "briefing" for each parent/child pair explaining the rules and some things about flying.
  - Give kids the URL to download their own picture--no hard copy.
  - Update certificate printing software.
  - Use the PA system that we already have.
  - Consider having the Tower broadcast on the PA
  - Post a number (+/- 10) that is now flying.
  - Keep all but a few registrations on the table - rest in the trailer to avoid parents rifling through the stack to find out when their child will fly.
  - Let the parent or child be responsible for the log book entries.
  - We need additional ground support to do crowd management.
  - Have a fire truck on site to entertain kids waiting.

## Minutes of November 20 Meeting (con't)

- Utilize the museum-- send them there while they are waiting
- Don't put the sign out at the street – it needs to be retired anyway.
- Create a two table barrier around the dispatch table to avoid parents rifling through the stack to find out when their child will fly.
- Stop registration at noon
- Create a 'scavenger hunt' game for the kids to play while waiting.
- These ideas will be discussed further by the Board as we plan for 2015.
- The Holiday Pizza Party is 12/12 at Luigi's at 6:00 PM. Need door prizes: approved up to \$125 - Kathy Spano
- Ground School beginning in January – more details to follow.

### Break for Refreshments

- Mark Hislop provided a picture and story of a P-51 in WWII.
- EAA Chapter Video

Submitted by: Joe McBride, Secretary



More pictures from the Holiday Pizza Party can be seen at:  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/127313849@N06/sets/72157647547288917/>



The Chapter Holiday Pizza Party was held at Luigi's on Friday, December 12. There was a good turnout by chapter members, friends and family. Don Horacek, incoming Chapter President, presided in Dave Smith's absence. (Dave just got a knee replaced—wish him well.) The new slate of Officers and Directors were introduced. Recognition certificates and pins were handed out to all chapter officers and all Young Eagles volunteers.

A nice array of attendance prizes were handed out – including a new David Clark headset.

## **2015 EAA Chapter 579 Daniel Kelley Young Eagle Scholarship/Roger Mahr Aviation Experience, EAA Advanced Air Academy**

EAA Chapter 579 Scholarship Committee is now accepting candidate applications for the 2015 Daniel Kelley Young Eagle Scholarship/Roger Mahr Aviation Experience, to attend the EAA Advanced Air Academy Camp in Oshkosh in July.

The Advanced Air Academy Camp is for girls and boys ages 16, 17, and 18, who have a passion for aviation. The selected candidate will have an opportunity to explore many aspects of aviation while attending the Air Academy Camp.

If you know a student who would be interested in attending the Advanced Air Academy, please have them contact EAA Chapter 579 Scholarship Committee at the following email address for an application.

[EAAChapter579@gmail.com](mailto:EAAChapter579@gmail.com)

Applications must be submitted to the scholarship committee by midnight Friday January 28, 2015.

EAA Chapter 579 will announce the recipient of the 2015 Daniel Kelley Young Eagle Scholarship/Roger Mahr Aviation Experience at the March 27th monthly chapter program meeting.

The following is a summary of the many activities students will participate during the EAA Advanced Air Academy Camp.

The Air Academy provides an atmosphere for mature students, ages 16, 17 and 18 to become totally immersed in the world of flight. Ground instruction and introductory recreation flight experiences highlight this meaningful, action-packed camp. It combines "in-the-air" and "on-the-ground" hands-on activities.

The EAA Advanced Air Academy also includes full participation (access to forums, flight line and all associated activities) in EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, the world's premier aviation event!

- Flight Training Ground School
  - Fundamentals of flight science
  - Aircraft systems
  - Aircraft preflight
  - Flight controls and systems
  - Weather
  - Aerial navigation
  - Flight training requirements
- Aircraft Construction, Restoration and Maintenance Skills
  - Welding
  - Sheet metal work

- Fabric covering
- Composite fabrication
- Aeromodeling and woodworking
- Airplanes - Learn about aviation history and flight
- Tour the EAA AirVenture Museum
- Fly EAA's flight simulators
- Visit Pioneer Airport
- Experience the thrill of flight in both an airplane and helicopter
- An academic study of the history and technologies of aviation presented in the Buehler Leadership Center at the EAA Aviation Center.

Workshop experiences, including an introduction to many of the skills required for the construction, restoration and maintenance of aircraft. This is accomplished in workstations by working with aircraft parts, the construction of full size aircraft components and Aeromodeling projects.

EAA AirVenture will provide an exciting element to the Academy program. The forums, workshops, exhibits, aircraft, and air shows provide an aviation and personal experience without equal.

Special activities may include field trips to area aviation facilities are also included to familiarize participants with a wide segment of the aviation community and its activities.

See below the dates of the 2015 Advanced Air Academy

- Session 1: July 14-22, 2015
- Session 2: July 24-August 1, 2015

**Fox Valley Sport Aviation Association**  
**EAA Chapter 579**  
**Membership Application or Renewal - 2015**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ EAA# \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Membership = \$20.00**  
**Checks made payable to EAA Chapter 579**

**Please mail this application and your check to our treasurer:**

**Lawrence O. Shaw  
147 N. Buckingham Drive  
Sugar Grove, IL 60554**

Chapter Membership Renewals for 2015 are now due.

# PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

## \$150.00

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### EAA Chapter 579

Private Pilot Ground  
School beginning  
**January 8th, 2015.**

For more information  
contact:

Dave Smith at -

[EAACChapter579@gmail.com](mailto:EAACChapter579@gmail.com)

847-514-0008

OR

Dave Spano at -

[David@i-SimplyFLY.com](mailto:David@i-SimplyFLY.com)

630-486-0832

EAA Chapter 579 is conducting a Private Pilot Ground school beginning Thursday January 8th 2015. The course will be 12 weeks in duration including the January 8th orientation meeting. We will meet from 6:30PM to 9:00PM every Thursday except the 4th Thursday of each month which will be our regularly scheduled chapter meeting. The classes will be held at the Sugar Grove Fire Station directly across the street from the airport. The classes will be taught by FAA Certified Flight Instructors with many years of instructional knowledge and experience.

At the completion of the ground school course you will receive a graduation certificate authorizing you to take the **FAA required written exam.**

The course fee includes a course text book, the Jeppesen Guided Flight Discovery Private Pilot, and a one year membership to EAA Chapter 579.



**Fox Valley Sport Aviation Association**  
**EAA Chapter 579**  
**Private Pilot Ground School Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ EAA# \_\_\_\_\_

**Ground School Registration Fee: \$150.00**

**Checks made payable to: EAA Chapter 579**

Please mail this registration form and your check to our treasurer:

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